Amendment to the claims

This listing of claims replaces all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Previously presented) A method for producing an epoxy group-containing silicon compound, which comprises condensing at least one epoxy group-containing alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1a): $R_{1a}Si(OR_2)_3$, wherein R_{1a} denotes a substituent having an epoxy group and R_2 denotes an alkyl group having at most 4 carbons, and at least one substituted alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1b): $R_{1b}Si(OR_3)_3$, wherein R_{1b} denotes an alkyl group having at most 10 carbons, an aryl group or an unsaturated aliphatic residue and R_3 denotes an alkyl group having at most 4 carbons, in a solvent selected from the group consisting of dimethylformamide, dimethylacetamide, tetrahydrofuran, methyl ethyl ketone, and methyl isobutyl ketone in the presence of a basic catalyst.

12. (Currently amended) The method as set forth in Claim ~~10 or~~ 11, wherein R_{1a} is a glycidoxy(C1-C3)alkyl group or an alkyl group substituted with a cycloalkyl group of 5-8 carbons having an oxirane group in each of said at least

one epoxy group-containing alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1a).

13. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 11, wherein R_{1b} is an alkyl group having at most 6 carbons or an aryl group in each of said at least one substituted alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1b).

14. (Original) The method as set forth in Claim 11, wherein R_{1a} is a glycidoxy(C1-C3)alkyl group or an alkyl group substituted with a cycloalkyl group of 5-8 carbons having an oxirane group in each of said at least one epoxy group-containing alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1a), and wherein R_{1b} is an alkyl group having at most 6 carbons or an aryl group in each of said at least one substituted alkoxy silicon compound represented by the general formula (1b).